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Statues of Abraham Lincoln

William Powell

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Louis Arenson with his "best buy," a bas-relief of Abraham Lincoln. (Sun-Times Photo)

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Likeness Of Lincoln Is A \$2 Treasure

A bas-relief need not be a rare work of art to become an enduring source of pride and joy.

For example, every year during the celebration of Lincoln's birthday, Louis Arenson takes special pleasure in contemplating a bronze plaque bearing a detailed likeness of the Great Emancipator. It is a prized decoration in Arenson's millinery supply firm at 30 N. Dearborn.

Thirty years ago, Arenson was passing through Springfield, Ohio. He saw the plaque in the window of a second-hand store and knew he had to have it.

He paid \$2 for it. On its wooden base is the inscription, "William Powell. Patented—1865." Probably one of thousands manufactured years ago, it wouldn't interest a curator of rare items. But to Arenson, even after three decades, it's still "the best buy I ever made."



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